

What We've Accomplished Together



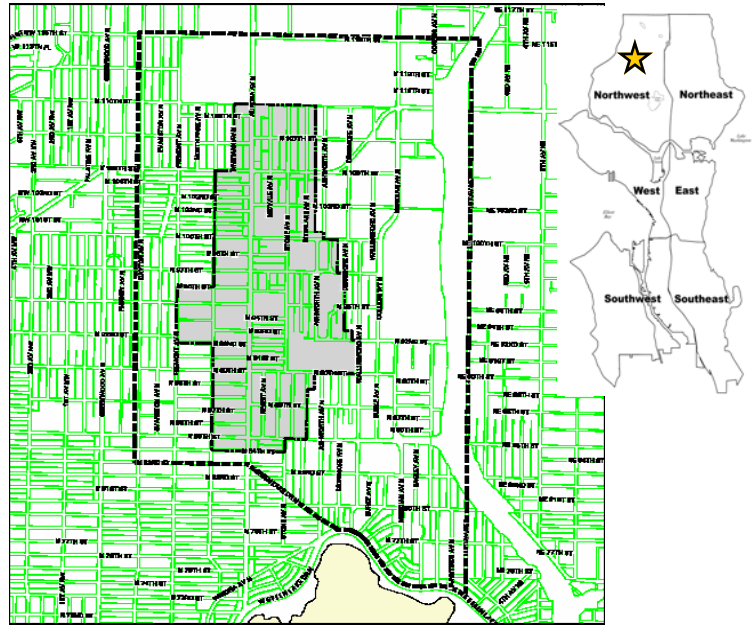
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Neighborhood: Aurora-Licton
Springs Residential Urban Village

Plan Adopted: 1999

Key Elements:

1. Renovation and community use of Wilson-Pacific grounds and facilities
2. Restoration of Licton Springs Park
3. Restoration of Mineral Springs Park



Aurora-Licton Springs Neighborhood Plan
Area
Northwest Sector

What happened in 2002

- **Wilson-Pacific** - The Community worked with Seattle Public Schools to finish major improvements to both the building and the playfields at the site of the former Wilson-Pacific high school. Better access to this facility and its grounds is a high priority of the neighborhood plan. In 2002, Seattle Public Schools added drainage, fencing, a track, restrooms, and new sod to the field. A \$5,000 Neighborhood Matching Fund grant helped the community commission and place dramatic murals highlighting the school's heritage as a learning place for Native Americans on prominent external walls.
- **Licton Springs Park** - Licton Springs Park was awarded \$100,000 in the Pro Parks Opportunity Fund for habitat restoration and enhancements.
- **Mineral Springs Park** - The old North Seattle Park officially became Mineral Springs Park in late 2001 and was identified for over \$700,000 in Pro Parks funding. In 2002, the Department of Parks and Recreation held a series of three community meetings during the planning phase in order to generate community input as well as to provide information and guidance to the landscape architect.
- **Pillings Pond** - With a Neighborhood Matching Fund award of \$10,000, the community planned and developed a conceptual design for the preservation of Pillings Pond. Community advocates continue to work with the Pillings family to explore ways to preserve this unique parcel of wildlife habitat and bird-breeding history.

What's Upcoming In 2003

- **Wilson Pacific** - After "resting" for the winter, the new field and track will be ready for community use this summer. Other efforts underway include the potential for temporary use of some of the building by North Seattle Community College, and ongoing discussion with Seattle Public Schools around long-term plans for the site.
- **Licton Springs Park** - Community and City efforts continue to restore the natural habitat and enhance the amenities of this neighborhood park. Pro Parks Opportunity Fund provided \$100,000 to the Licton Springs Community Council to replace the Iron Springs walkway/bridge with a wheelchair-

accessible bridge. The funds will also be used to remove invasive plants, mulch, and revegetate with native plants as per the Licton Springs Vegetation Management Plan. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/lictonsprings.htm>.

- **Mineral Springs Park** - Mineral Springs Park will be complete by the end of the year. The Friends of Mineral Springs Park have continued to develop a concept plan. An art walk will have designated gathering areas along its length intended to create settings for artwork. Disc golf area improvements will protect the vegetation, enhance the course features, and introduce art elements along the fairways. Natural and structural screens will be established in key locations along the streets as well as within the park to protect people, homes, and cars. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/mineralspringspark.htm>
- **SR-99 North Corridor Study** - Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) worked with Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on the *State's SR-99 North Corridor Study* that looks at mobility and safety on SR-99 from the Battery Street Tunnel to N.145th St. in Shoreline. SDOT and Metro worked with businesses and residential communities along Aurora to analyze opportunities for increasing transit mobility and pedestrian and cyclist safety in this high-accident corridor. The 20-month study was completed in March, 2003 and proposes a variety of strategies, including limiting peak-hour parking, better transit facilities, and new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. The final recommendations are summarized on the WSDOT website for easy viewing. The SR 99 North Route Development Plan is also available online (as downloadable files). For more information, visit: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/auroraproposed.htm> or <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr99/default.htm>

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Mural at Wilson Pacific School

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